

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 of the specification before the Field of the Invention, please add the following paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/016064, filed October 22, 2004, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 365(a) to Japanese application number JP 2003-363462, filed October 23, 2003, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 3, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

In another embodiment, the invention encompasses providing processed and treated tea leaves, treated vegetables, treated fruits or treated flowers obtained by treating tea leaves, vegetables, fruits or flowers with the fresh tea leaf powder having an excellent taste and giving a strong aroma.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 15, lines 7-10 with the following amended paragraph:

The extract thus obtained may be powdered by distilling off the solvent by, for example, the ~~super~~ spray dry method. Alternatively, it may be formulated into oil by extracting

with adding oil or fat such as soybean oil, rice oil, rapeseed oil, corn oil or middle-chain fatty acid triglycerides, followed by collecting the oily phase.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 19, lines 5-9 with the following amended paragraph:

Liquid reaction mixture (~~1.1 mL~~) (6 mL):

0.1 M citric acid solution;

0.2 M sodium phosphate solution;

0.003 M substrate solution; and

~~0.1 mL~~ 1 mL of enzyme solution.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 20, lines 5-8 with the following amended paragraph:

Liquid reaction mixture (~~1 mL~~) (4 mL):

3 mL of substrate solution + ~~0.1 mL~~ 1 mL of enzyme solution

Reaction conditions: The liquid reaction mixture was prepared, quickly stirred and then allowed to stand at 30°C for 15 minutes.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 31, lines 8-10 with the following amended paragraph:

After adding 10 ~~mL~~ μL of a 5-nonanone solution (10.1 mg/500 mL) employed as an internal standard to 10 g of each treated liquid, an adsorption treatment was carried out by the SBSE (Stir Bar Sorptive Extraction) method.

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph at page 31, lines 17-25 with the following amended paragraph:

Measuring conditions:

Thermal desorption conditions: 220°C, 15 minutes

Gas chromatography conditions:

Column: Stabilwax 30 m X 0.25 mm I.D. 0.25 ~~mm~~ µm df (RESTEK)

Mode: splitless

Temperature: 60°C (5 min) to 230°C, rising speed 5°C/min

Inlet temperature: 250°C

Interface: 230°C

Carrier gas: helium.